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SUBJECT: ALLEGED POLISH-SWEDISH DIFFERENCES OVER VISITOR VISAS

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1. WE CHECKED JUNE 25 WITH MFA OFFICIAL PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AND GIEREK'S RECENT VISIT TO SWEDEN (LARS BERGQVIST). HE SAID HE IS UNAWARE OF ANY EXCHANGE BETWEEN PALME AND GIEREK, OR ANY OTHER EXCHANGE WITH THE POLES, ABOUT POLISH VISA PROCEDURES, EITHER GENERAL OR SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO SWEDISH CITIZENS OF FORMER POLISH/JEWISH ETHNIC BACKGROUND.

2. BERGQVIST ALSO SAID HE IS UNAWARE OF ANY SPECIFIC CASES OF SWEDISH CITIZENS OF FORMER POLISH/JEWISH ETHNIC BACKGROUND HAVING BEEN REFUSED ENTRY INTO POLAND. BERGQVIST SAID HIS NOT HAVING HEARD OF ANY SPECIFIC CASES MAKES HIM THINK THAT SUCH SWEDISH CITIZENS, OR EVEN POLISH JEWS RESIDENT IN SWEDEN BUT NOT YET SWEDISH CITIZENS, HAVE VISITED POLAND WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. HE CONCEDED THAT HE MIGHT BE WRONG AND THAT PERSONS IN THIS CATEGORY HAVE REFRAINED FROM ATTEMPTING TO VISIT POLAND.

3. HIS CONCEPT OF THE SWEDISH-POLISH AGREEMENT ON VISAS WAS THAT, RECIPROCALLY, NO VISAS ARE REQUIRED OR ISSUED, EITHER IN THE CAPTIALS OR AT PORTS OF ENTRY. AGAIN, HE CONCEDED THAT

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THE POLES FOR THEIR PART MAY CONSIDER THE REGISTRATION FORMS

THEY ISSUE TO ARRIVING SWEDES TO BE VISAS.

4. BERGQVIST MENTIONED THAT INDIRECTLY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GIEREK VISIT TO SWEDEN IT HAD BEEN POSSIBLE TO PERSUADE THE POLES TO "PARDON" AND EXPEL ARKADIUSZ KOROBCZINSKI, WHO LEFT POLAND IN 1945 AND WHO WAS ARRESTED AND SENTENCED FOR ALLEGED CIA-RELATED ESPIONAGE DURING A VISIT IN DECEMBER 1973. NEWSPAPER EXPRESSEN HAS HEAVILY PUBLICIZED HIS ACCOUNT OF HARDSHIPS INFLECTED ON PRISONERS IN POLAND.
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